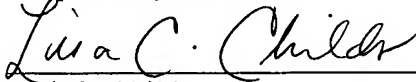


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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has withdrawn claims 14 and 16 from consideration, and requests that the Examiner proceed with examination of the remaining claims comprising Group 1.

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